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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Joseph Manoskey	2113	

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1. This communication is responsive to the application filed 27 April 2001.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-51.
3. The drawings filed on 27 April 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/27/01 & 7/4/02
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-51 are allowed.
2. Referring to claim group 1-8, the primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitations of claim 1 that state:

“...providing a master TAP for at least controlling data transfer operations with other TAPs in said circuit...”

“...an instruction register having a length equal to the length of the longest instruction register of each other TAP plus a predetermined number of bits for storing a TAP selection code for selecting one of the TAPs...”

“...adding a padding register having a length equal to the length of said master TAP instruction register less the length of the instruction register of said each other TAP and having an input connected to the circuit TDI, and an output...”

These concepts were not found to be taught in any prior art.

3. Referring to claim group 9-21, the primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitations of claim 9 that state:

“...selecting one TAP as a master TAP...”

“...providing said master TAP instruction register with a number of register elements equal to that of the longest group instruction register length plus a

number of bits, defining a selection code register, for storing a selection code for use in selecting one of said groups for data transfer..."

"...providing, for each said group, a group padding register having an input connected to the circuit TDI, an output and having a length equal to the length of said master TAP instruction register less the instruction register length of said group..."

These concepts were not found to be taught in any prior art.

4. Referring to claims 22-28, the primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitations of claim 22 that state:

"...providing a master TAP for at least controlling data transfer operations with other TAPs in said circuit..."

"...providing said master TAP with: an instruction register having a length equal to the sum of the length of the instruction registers of the longest group instruction register plus a predetermined number of bits forming a TAP selection code register for storing a group selection code for selecting one of the groups for data transfer..."

"... a padding register having an output connected to the group TDI input of said each group and an input connected to the circuit TDI..."

These concepts were not found to be taught in any prior art.

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5. Referring to claims 29-34, the primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitations of claim 29 that state:

“...an instruction register having a length equal to the length of the longest instruction register plus a predetermined number of bits for storing a TAP selection code for selecting one of the TAPs...”

“...a padding register having a length equal to the length of said instruction register of said one TAP less the length of the instruction register of said each other TAP and having an input connected to the circuit TDI, and an output...”

These concepts were not found to be taught in any prior art.

6. Referring to claims 35-45, the primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitations of claim 35 that state:

“...one of said TAPs being a master TAP...”

“...said master TAP having an instruction register bit length equal to the bit length of the longest group instruction register chain length of said groups plus a predetermined number of bits, defining a selection code register, for storing a group selection code for selecting any one of said groups...”

“...a padding register having a length equal to the length of said master TAP instruction register less the length of the instruction register chain length of said group, an input connected to the circuit TDI, and an output...”

These concepts were not found to be taught in any prior art.

7. Referring to claims 46-50, the primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitations of claim 46 that state:

“...connecting the group TDI of all groups to the circuit TDI when accessing a test data register of a group...”

“...connecting the group TDI of all groups to a serial output of a respective padding register when an instruction register is to be accessed...”

These concepts were not found to be taught in any prior art.

8. Referring to claim 51, the primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitations that state:

“...means recorded on the medium for inserting a description of a master TAP into a description of said circuit including..”

“...a master TAP instruction register having a length equal to instruction register chain length of the group having the longest instruction register chain plus a predetermined number of bits forming a TAP selection code register for storing a group selection code for selecting one of the groups for data transfer...”

“...a description of a padding register having an input connected to a circuit TDI and an output connected to the group TDI of the group...”

These concepts were not found to be taught in any prior art.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following are examples of documents that define the general state of the art but are not considered to be of particular relevance.

U.S. Patent 6,115,763 to Douskey et al.

U.S. Patent 6,324,662 to Haroun et al.

U.S. Patent 6,385,749 to Adusumilli et al.

U.S. Patent 6,408,413 to Whetsel

U.S. Patent 6,425,100 to Bhattacharya

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Manoskey whose telephone number is (703) 308-5466. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. (8am to 4:30pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (703) 305-9713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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